



## **CMAQ Project Selection Committee**

**Minutes – Thursday, April 13, 2017**

**Committee Members:** Ross Patronsky, Chair (CMAP), Darwin Burkhart (IEPA via phone), Mark Pitstick (RTA), Luann Hamilton (CDOT), President William Rodeghier (Council of Mayors), Christopher Schmidt (IDOT), Chris Snyder (Counties)

**Staff Present:** Doug Ferguson, Tom Kotarac, Jen Maddux

**Others Present:** Frank Acevedo, Jennifer Becker, Jason, Berry, John Donovan, Tyler Grau, Tony Greep, Janell Jensen, Emily Karry, Tom Kelso, Dennis Latto, Andrew Letson, Steve Manella, Kelsey Mulhausen, Kenneth Moy, Jessica Ortega, Brian Pigeon, Keith Privett, Tom Rickert, David Simmons, Sagar Sonar, Mike Sullivan, David Tomzik, Mike Walczak, Michael Weiser, Timothy Whalen

### **1.0 Call to Order**

Mr. Patronsky called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

### **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

Mr. Schmidt announced that approximately \$38 million in CMAQ funds were authorized but IDOT has not yet received invoices. It is imperative that project sponsors invoice the state in a timely manner as a step to avoid federal rescission. Mr. Patronsky stated that CMAP staff will reach out to planning liaisons to remind project sponsors to invoice.

Mr. Patronsky announced that this is the last meeting President Rodeghier will be on the Project Selection Committee. Mr. Patronsky expressed appreciation for President Rodeghier's invaluable service and President Rodeghier said he is proud to have served on a committee with knowledgeable and good decision-making members.

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes—January 5, 2017**

On a motion by President Rodeghier and seconded by Mr. Pitstick, the minutes of the January 5, 2017 meeting were approved as presented.

### **4.0 Program Monitoring**

#### **4.1 Project Programming Status Sheets**

Mr. Ferguson reported that the recurring reports on the programming status of active and deferred projects and the line item changes since the last meeting of the Project Selection Committee were included in the meeting packet.

#### **4.2 Programming Summary and Obligation Goal**

Mr. Ferguson reported that the programming summary and obligation goal were included in the meeting packet. He reported that, to date, the region has obligated just over \$30 million of the \$103.8 million goal. Mr. Ferguson noted that staff anticipates certain projects to be obligated in the near future, and staff will be conducting status updates next month, which will provide a better idea of the gap between actual obligations and the goal for this federal fiscal year.

#### **5.0 CMAQ/TAP-L Call for Projects**

Mr. Ferguson reported that 107 applications were received, noting that two incomplete applications were rejected, for a total requested amount of \$906 million. He reported the region has about \$220 million available to program. Mr. Ferguson reported that a detailed list of project applications is available on CMAP's website. Staff is currently evaluating projects and expects to release the results of the analysis in June. The committee will be notified and the analysis will be presented to the Regional Transportation Operations Committee and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force.

Mr. Pitstick asked whether the committee could get a simplified list of project applications with the requested funding amounts. Mr. Ferguson replied that the way the project listing is currently generated does not show only requested federal funds but all project funding. Mr. Ferguson stated that some funding amounts are expected to change and the committee will be provided with a list before the next meeting.

Mr. Pitstick asked whether login credentials for eTIP were required to view detailed project applications. Mr. Ferguson replied that login credentials are needed to view the more detailed applications, and Mr. Patrosky stated that committee members may request read-only credentials from staff.

#### **6.0 Project Changes**

##### **6.1 CDOT – Signal Interconnects (TIP IDs 01-97-0086, 01-97-0087, 01-97-0088, 01-97-0092, 01-97-0093, 01-98-0080, 01-03-0002, 01-03-0004, 01-08-0007)**

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a scope change to combine the projects for purposes of re-engineering and implementation. The requested scope change will result in an overall cost reduction. Mr. Privett stated that \$7.5 million will be released from the deferred list based on preliminary construction estimates based on the new technology. Mr. Pitstick stated that the RTA has been working with CDOT staff and is supportive of the project. He stated that the 95<sup>th</sup> Street corridor is one on which Pace plans to implement Transit Signal Priority (TSP), also funded by CMAQ. The other corridors all have transit and may be candidates for TSP in the future. Mr. Pitstick stated that both agencies have discussed completing the signal interconnect and TSP work in tandem. On a motion made by Mr. Pitstick

and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the requested scope change and cost change were approved.

**6.2 CDOT – Lakefront Tail - Navy Pier Flyover Segment 2 (TIP ID 01-01-0009)**

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$10,329,600 federal (\$0 total) for construction in FFY 2017, noting that the request is for CMAQ funds to replace programmed STP and State Only Chicago Commitment (SOCC) matching funds.

Mr. Pitstick asked whether funding is available to approve this request and all subsequent cost increase requests. He noted that the obligation goal table and the table in the project change memo indicate that region is over programmed.

Mr. Ferguson stated that when funds are initially obligated on highway projects, they go into “advanced construction” (AC) status, meaning that a federal obligation has not occurred but the state has approval to request reimbursement at a later date. This means that the obligated amounts are not technically coming off the region’s federal balance. Mr. Ferguson reported that the table in the project change memo previously did not take into account projects in AC status but staff see the benefits of presenting data in both ways. Mr. Patrosky stated that projects that are not moving forward could be moved within the program based on May status updates and staff expects the program to be more balanced by the next committee meeting.

Mr. Rickert asked whether replacing STP funds with CMAQ funds uplifts the CMAQ program while hurting the STP program and whether the STP funds programmed on this project will be reprogrammed. Ms. Hamilton replied that the request is due to the City’s relationship with the State and the fact that the State is not currently providing the City with SOCC funds, and projects are now being programmed on case by case basis. She noted that the Navy Pier Flyover is a project on State facilities and was over programmed with SOCC matching funds as it is a benefit to the State. The project now needs to be 80% federally funded.

Mr. Snyder asked whether the project was already let. Ms. Hamilton replied that the opening was the previous day and the City received multiple bids within engineer’s estimates.

On a motion made by Mr. Snyder and seconded by President Rodeghier, the requested cost increase was approved.

**6.3 Lincolnwood – Touhy Ave Overpass (Skokie Valley Bike Trail) (TIP ID 02-12-0003)**

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting reinstatement of funds and a cost increase of \$367,000 federal (\$458,000 total) for construction in FFY 2017.

Ms. Hamilton stated that the City of Chicago is excited about this project because the trail connects to the Sauganash Trail, and the Touhy overpass will make the trail

safer for all users. Mr. Ferguson stated that the trail is complete on either side of the overpass.

On a motion made by Ms. Hamilton and seconded by President Rodeghier, the requested reinstatement and cost increase were approved.

**6.4 Mount Prospect – Covered Bicycle Parking at Mount Prospect Metra Station (TIP ID 03-16-0016)**

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$10,600 federal (\$13,200 total) for construction in FFY 2017.

On a motion made by Mr. Pitstick and seconded by Mr. Snyder, the requested cost increase was approved.

**6.5 Rosemont – Rosemont CTA Station Pedestrian Crossing: River Rd at I-90 (TIP ID 04-16-0001)**

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a scope change and a cost increase of \$128,800 federal (\$161,000 total) for construction in FFY 2017.

On a motion made by President Rodeghier and seconded by Mr. Pitstick, the requested scope change and cost increase were approved.

**6.6 Cicero – Cicero Rail Yard Switch Engine Retrofit (TIP ID 05-09-0002)**

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting reinstatement of funds for implementation in FFY 2017.

Mr. Pitstick asked what has changed for the project to be ready for implementation. Mr. Ferguson responded that negotiations with IDOT occurred and the project was on hold while technologies advanced. Mr. Schmidt reported that the agreement is drafted.

On a motion made by Ms. Hamilton and seconded by President Rodeghier, the requested reinstatement was approved.

**6.7 Blue Island – Cal Sag Greenway Bike Trail (TIP ID 06-06-0061)**

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a scope change and a cost increase of \$280,000 federal (\$350,000 total) for phase 2 engineering in FFY 2017.

On a motion made by President Rodeghier and seconded by Ms. Hamilton, the requested cost increase was approved.

**6.8 IDOT – Wolf Rd from 153<sup>rd</sup> to 159<sup>th</sup> (TIP ID 06-16-0001)**

The sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$22,000 federal (\$27,000 total) for construction in FFY 2017.

On a motion made by Mr. Snyder and seconded by President Rodeghier, the requested cost increase was approved.

**6.9 Sauk Village – Sauk Trail/Cottage Grove Ave Bike Path Improvements (TIP ID 07-16-0001)**

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change to reprogram phase 1 engineering funds from FFY 2019 to FFY 2017.

Mr. Rickert asked about phase 1 engineering being funded. Mr. Ferguson replied that this project was a hardship case.

On a motion made by Ms. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the requested schedule change was approved.

**6.10 Richton Park – Richton Park Metra Electric Station Area Access (TIP ID 07-16-0005)**

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change to reprogram construction funds from FFY 2019 to FFY 2017.

On a motion made by Mr. Pitstick and seconded by Ms. Hamilton, the requested schedule change was approved.

**6.11 DuPage County DOT – 55th St/CH 35 from Dunham Rd to Clarendon Hills Rd and 55th St at Main St (TIP ID 08-12-0004)**

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$300,000 federal (\$375,000 total) for right of way in FFY 2015.

On a motion made by President Rodeghier and seconded by Ms. Hamilton, the requested cost increase was approved.

**6.12 DuPage County DOT – Fabyan Pkwy/Washington St at Roosevelt Rd (TIP ID 08-12-0006)**

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$463,000 federal (\$579,000 total) for right of way in FFY 2014.

On a motion made by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by President Rodeghier, the requested cost increase was approved.

**6.13 Lake County DOT – IL 134 and Fairfield Rd (TIP ID 10-00-0117)**

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting to transfer \$256,000 federal (\$320,000 total) from right of way in FFY 2018 to construction in FFY 2019.

On a motion made by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the requested transfer of funds was approved.

**6.14 McHenry County Conservation District – Woodstock Crystal Lake Bikeway (TIP ID 11-96-0007)**

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting reinstatement of funds for construction in FFY 2017 and a transfer of \$146,000 federal (\$183,000 total) in excess funds from phase 2 engineering in FFY 2016 to construction in FFY 2017.

Mr. Ferguson reported that this project has been completed in multiple phases; Ms. Jensen stated that this is the final phase of the project.

On a motion made by Mr. Pitstick and seconded by Mr. Snyder, the requested reinstatement and transfer of funds were approved.

**6.15 FPD of DuPage County – Winfield Mounds Segment – West Branch Regional Trail (TIP ID 08-14-0002)**

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$84,000 federal (\$105,000 total) for construction in FFY 2017.

On a motion made by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Pitstick, the requested cost increase was approved.

**6.16 Kane County Forest Preserve District – Fox River Trail under UPRR (TIP ID 09-16-0005)**

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$454,051 federal (\$544,861 total) for construction in FFY 2017.

Mr. Pitstick asked for clarification on the location of the project. Ms. Becker stated that the trail is along the Fox River south of Route 20 in South Elgin, tunneling under the railroad tracks.

On a motion made by Ms. Hamilton and seconded by President Rodeghier, the requested cost increase was approved.

**7.0 FAST Act**

Mr. Donovan reported that the Performance Management Rule #3 that covers CMAQ was delayed again, pushing the effective date to May 20, 2017. Until then, the regulatory freeze and review period is ongoing.

**8.0 Other Business**

There was no other business.

**9.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**10.0 Next Meeting**

Mr. Patronsky stated that the committee's next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. and staff expects to have a recommended program for CMAQ and TAP-L, to be recommended to the Transportation Committee on August 4, 2017.

**11.0 Adjournment**

On a motion made by Ms. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Snyder, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

**CMAQ Project Selection Committee Members:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Darwin Burkhart

\_\_\_\_\_ Mark Pitstick

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\_\_\_\_\_ Luann Hamilton

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\_\_\_\_\_ Ross Patronsky, Chair